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Date : January 16, 2007  
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication  
FROM : Office of Petitions  
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of Application No. 09/445,304

Applicant(s) : Shiro Fujieda  
Application No. : 09/445,304  
Filed : December 6, 1999

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 7,171,040 and an issue date of January 30, 2007.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant. Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of January 30, 2007:

"All reference to Patent No. 7,171,040 to Shiro Fujieda of Japan for IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, AND INSPECTION APPARATUS appearing in the Official Gazette of January 30, 2007 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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